

Today in Washington

'Spirit of Geneva' Called Dead, Killed by Russians

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—The so-called "spirit of Geneva" is dead. The Russians have killed it. The big news is at last coming out—that, despite the polite phrases of restraint with which Western government officials have been expressing themselves, they now realize that the Soviet tactics at Geneva constituted a bold attempt to make it appear that the Communists were peacefully inclined. The evidence now shows that since the Geneva conference the Communists have stepped up the "cold war."



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The latest development is the Communist-controlled election in Indonesia which is demonstrating the Communist pattern—the local infiltration by the Communist technicians. A similar pattern will be revealed if Indochina holds an election.

Throughout Asia and North Africa, moreover, the Communists have redoubled their efforts. They have infiltrated into Morocco to make that issue a perplexing one for the French government to handle.

Likewise, in Algeria the French have been up against Communist interference in a local problem. On the broader stage, the Communists have mustered a majority in the United Nations not only to discuss the Algerian problem but to get the subject of western New Guinea—a colonial possession of the Netherlands—on the agenda. The objective is to mix into the strategic situation in Southeast Asia. For, by depriving the Dutch navy of a base in western New Guinea, the whole of Southeast Asia is easier for the Communists to overrun.

Arms for Egypt Cited

The Communist activity in selling arms to Egypt and in lining up a number of the Asian and African nations which attended the Bandung conference is significant of the new policy of fomenting trouble between the Western powers and the Middle Eastern countries. The whole purpose is a weaken the military line-up of the West.

The American awareness of the transparent duplicity of the Kremlin in talking peace at Geneva while intensifying the "cold war" has been officially revealed in a speech delivered Monday by Allan W. Dulles, director of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, and a brother of the Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles.

The C. I. A. chief pointed out that the Soviet expenditures "in training, support and operation of its over-all subversive mechanism may approach 10 per cent of its expenditure on its over-all armament program." He added:

"Today, of course, not only intelligence officers but millions of men and women throughout the world are trying to form their own intelligence estimate of the recent Geneva conference. Together with them, the intelligence agencies are scanning the reports and analyzing the signs and trends as well as the statements of the Soviet leaders themselves.

That Khrushchev Speech

A few days ago, at a banquet for the East German Communists, Nikita Khrushchev, the head of the Soviet Communist party, made some interesting statements. It was one of his informal and likewise revealing speeches. He remarked, as reported by the radio and press services, that if anyone believes that our smiles involve abandonment of the teaching of Marx, Engels and Lenin—the name of Stalin was added, according to the official East German broadcasts, but does not appear in Moscow reports—he deceives himself poorly. Those who wait for that, he said, must wait until a shrimp learns to whistle.

"There is some debate among the experts whether the word should be shrimp or crayfish for there is an old Russian proverb that says: 'I will do it when the crayfish whistles on the mountain.' This, I understand, is a Russian way of saying 'never'—although I learn on good authority that in the deep reaches of the sea, as detected by modern science, the crayfish or the shrimp do make some gurgling noises.

"There is no hard evidence as yet, which we as intelligence or law-enforcing officers can accept, that the dangers we face from the secret underground subversive activities of communism have ceased. Let us hope

Khrushchev hears the shrill call of the shrimp."

The most pointed comment that Mr. Dulles made, however, was in his reference to the prospective sale by the Soviets of armament to countries throughout the world. He said: "While I am on the subject of Communist techniques, I might mention a somewhat recent development in their program of sowing international discord—the Kremlin's new Trojan horse—but one that will look quite attractive to many countries which are under pressure to build up their military establishments."

The C. I. A. chief declared that the Soviets have planes and tanks which are growing obsolete and that 4,000 to 5,000 MiG-15s could be off-loaded as an adjunct to a general program of causing trouble throughout the world. He said that, of course, a good share of this equipment already has gone to Communist China and to Indochina "with results that are now clearly seen." He added:

"There remains ample for other parts of the world, and we now hear of advanced negotiations with several countries of the Middle East. I should not be at all surprised if we soon heard that countries in this hemisphere were being approached."

Mentioning last year's experience with a Communist regime in Guatemala, which got a shipload of arms from Czechoslovakia, Mr. Dulles says that "once again Czechoslovakia looms up as the front for the delivery of Communist arms—this time in the Middle East."

Meanwhile, there are rumors of renewed fighting around Formosa.

Thus, the "cold war" goes on and the "spirit of Geneva" recedes into past history as another phony tactic attempted by the Communists is exposed.

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